

## **RIRA – ISLAND SERVICES COMMITTEE (ISC) MINUTES OF 2/24/15 MEETING**

Present: Cynthia Ahn, Eva Bosbach, Frank Farance, Susanna del Campo Perez, Anne Kanninen, Rick O'Connor, Mickey Rindler, Aaron Hamburger, Ron Davidson (new member).

New Elevator At Manhattan Tram Station – Despite assurances from RIOC that this wouldn't happen again, both elevators have been out-of-service since Friday, Feb. 13. It took 4 days for RIOC to establish a complete Red bus shuttle service to and from Manhattan. We have no date when the elevators will be back in service. For the future, we need to make sure that RIOC has a functional plan for the Red bus shuttle that can be implemented within half a day whenever the elevators are out-of-service. Also, the shuttle should run every day, not just weekdays, as is the current set-up.

Work on the design of the new elevators has begun. RIOC estimates the new elevators will be installed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016. However, the Chair's estimate is we will not have the new elevators running until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. One new problem, affecting the completion timing, is that RIOC needs a larger footprint for the new elevators. This means RIOC will have to negotiate with New York City to get some land from the park next to the Tram facility.

Re-establish Boy Scout on Roosevelt Island – Everything needed for the Boy Scout troop to begin is in hand – a Scoutmaster, equipment and a place to meet. Frank indicated that recruiting of boys would begin with a flier to be distributed by mid-March.

Easy Access for Strollers, bicycles and the Disabled at the RI Tram Station – The sign on the Tram gate threatens people with a summons if they try to open the gate. We need a new sign that removes the summons threat. Perhaps it should say "emergency use only". That way people might open the gate when necessary without having to worry about punishment. Eva will get proposed wording for a new sign to RIOC.

Condition of Sportspark Facilities – Susy will develop a comprehensive list of all the repairs and cleaning needed at Sportspark. A separate list will deal with programs that have problems or are not functioning properly.

Management of the Garden Club – Nothing new to report.

New Public Library – The window replacement job at 504 Main St. has been completed. A ramp will be needed at the entrance to service the handicapped. Eva will take-over as Lead Person for this issue.

Control of Rats and Pigeons On RI – Some power washing at Motorgate has been done to remove part of the mess left by pigeons. Long-term, Frank indicated we need to prevent pigeons from nesting at Motorgate by installing appropriate wire netting at ceilings. It was suggested that "no feeding" signs should be posted around the Island. There was no report on the rats situation.

Dog Urination Problem – Roosevelt Landings Management has committed to washing the sidewalks at least once a week except in cold, freezing weather. Cynthia reports the dog repellent spray only lasted for one day. The spray needed to be renewed every day. So spraying is probable not a practical way to solve the problem. We will try to get Management to put signs up in strategic places which state” Curb Your Dog, Violators Subject to a Summons”.

Gristedes Bus Turn-around – RIOEC Engineering is working on a new design for the turn-around. We don't expect the turn-around to be back in operation for another 6 – 9 months. Meanwhile, RIOEC is considering placing a bench at the Gristede bus stop at 10 River Road to help the elderly and the disabled after shopping at Gristedes.

Condition of Roads and Paths – ISC adopted this as a new issue. There has been much damage to sidewalks and paths throughout the Island this winter. Repairs are badly needed to eliminate tripping hazards. Frank will be the Lead Person on this issue. First, he will inspect the bad places and take a photo showing the condition of the sidewalk. Then a list will be presented to RIOEC with a request for rapid repair work.

Aaron Hamburger, ISC Chair